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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee Judiciary - Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to address this committee.

My name is Kara Potter and I am a resident of Washington, ME. I am writing today in support of LD 260 - The Inclusive Equal Rights Amendment. Having an ERA added to Maine's constitution would be a welcome addition for many of us for a wide range of reasons. If you search your personal history you've likely experienced some form of discrimination - and if you've been lucky enough to avoid it personally, you almost definitely have had a loved one go through the painful experience. Whether it's based on actual or perceived race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, physical or mental disability, ancestry or national origin - discrimination can crop up in nearly any area of our lives and have wide ranging negative impacts on us personally, as well as our society as a whole.

Now, Maine has this wonderful opportunity to make a difference in front of us. We can pass a state wide ERA Amendment to protect all of our citizens from discrimination and ensure equal treatment under our Constitution - so Maine can continue to live by our state motto "The Way Life Should Be".

Thank you again for the opportunity to share my opinion with you today. I urge you to vote "Ought to Pass" and finally add the Inclusive Equal Rights Amendment to Maine's Constitution.

Take Care